

AID Official Quits Over Pressure On GW Grant

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A former official of the Agency for International Development (AID) charged that he was forced to resign last month because he resisted "political pressure" from Rep. Otto Passman (D-La.) to approve a \$5-million grant to a GW-sponsored population control project.

Jarold A. Kieffer, assistant administrator of AID's Bureau for Population and Humanitarian Assistance, said his boss, AID deputy administrator John E. Murphy, was repeatedly pressured to okay the project proposal by both Passman and Dr. Murdock Head, chairman of GW Medical Center's Department of Medical and Public Affairs and director of the Airlie Conference Center in Virginia.

Head's department has an Airlie Division, based at the Airlie Conference Center which produces films and TV tapes on a variety of public health problems. Other than that, GW has no official connection with the Airlie

Foundation, according to Charles E. Diehl, GW vice-president and treasurer.

Passman is head of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, which handles appropriations to AID. Both Passman and Head denied that pressure was exerted to have the grant approved.

Kieffer told the *Chronicle of Higher Education* last week that Murphy ordered him to "negotiate the best terms possible" with GW and Airlie. Kieffer said he refused to negotiate because, "I do not see why we should take money from other areas and spend it [on this program]."

The program would establish an International Center for Population Dynamics at GW which would study population trends in underdeveloped countries and "establish a clearly defined population policy for each country," according to Head, its designer.

In an internal AID memorandum dated last Nov. 25, Kieffer said he opposed the grant because the program was too costly, vague, duplicated other AID programs and was "set out in broad sweeping grantsmanship jargon

that leaves unclear what precise needs are to be addressed."

Kieffer said he first protested against the political interference in a memo to Murphy last November.

"As you have related to me," the memo read, "a powerful Congressman has directly and secretly demanded that you arrange for AID to make a large grant... to finance the GWU-Airlie proposal. He made this demand without even taking the time to get... a statement of the program objections to the proposal."

After Kieffer's resignation Murphy called the memo, "quite an overstatement."

Kieffer was asked early in January to submit his resignation and resigned on January 30, effective April 1. He made the charges of political pressure in an eight-page letter to President Ford, where he attributed his removal to his refusal of Murphy's order to process the grant.

AID has yet to make a decision on the grant, according to Carl J. Lange, GW assistant vice president for research. The

agency has "no fixed schedule" for making the decision, he said, and may not decide for another three to six months.

Passman categorically denied Kieffer's charges. "No pressure was applied," he told the *Hatchet* Friday. "I'm just as clean as a hound's tooth in this instance. I was just trying to get a status report."

Passman said he is very impressed with Airlie's work, stating, "I've never known of an organization to get so many awards."

"Knowing they had an interest," he continued, "I called AID to request they look closely" at the application, he said. "All I did was ask for a status report—where is the application at this time?"

It is not an uncommon practice for legislators to inquire on the status of requests favored by themselves or their constituents.

"I may have called [asking for a status report] two, three, four times, I don't know. This has gone back a few months. Sometimes I talk to AID 50 times a week—I don't know when I mentioned it," Passman said.

Murphy told the *Washington Post* that Passman had called him four or five times between last September and December, but had not asked for anything specifically to be done.

Passman said he knew nothing about the program other than that it was sponsored by GW's Airlie Division and that it has "educational" purposes. There were so many programs mentioned in the [agency's] approval. (See GRANT, p. 3)

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Prof. Stefan Schliff (second from left) presides at Martha's Marathon of Birthday Bargains while fellow auctioneer T.J. Clemente (far left) and

George and Martha Washington look on. See story, page 2. (photo by Jonathan Landay)

ISS Meets To Discuss Resolution Repeal

Members of the International Students' Society (ISS) have defied their executive committee and planned a general membership meeting for noon tomorrow to discuss politically-oriented resolutions passed by the executive committee last semester.

Bert Rosenheck, Costas Alexis and Susan Fox will introduce a resolution demanding that the executive committee repeal its resolutions which called for United Nations recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, elimination of South Africa's apartheid policies, and a more equitable distribution of wealth in oil-rich Arab states.

The three members plan to introduce a second resolution prohibiting political activity by the executive committee. The resolution asks committee members to "confine themselves to the guidelines specifically stated in the Constitution, taking particular care to remove rather than instigate conflict between members of different national, religious, social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds."

Since the executive committee resolutions were passed last semester, some members have tried repeatedly to call a meeting of the general membership to discuss them. A petition was circulated earlier this semester calling for repeal of the resolutions, but was invalidated by the executive committee because the signers had failed to put their ISS membership numbers next to their signatures.

(See ISS, p. 6)

Committees To Frame Government Guidelines

by Joye Brown
Asst. News Editor

When convention delegates recessed last Friday after six and a half hours of sometimes heated discussion, many felt they had finally cleared the way to begin the actual writing of the new student government constitution.

The delegates were to meet last night to assign members to the eight committees that will research proposals for articles of the constitution and submit their finding to the entire convention. "I think that once we are in committees, the work will progress and we can work faster," one delegate said.

The convention has divided preliminary research for constitutional articles among seven ad-hoc committees. The Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Committees

will study and make recommendations for these branches of the student government.

A Scopes and Powers Committee will determine government powers, a Student Rights Committee will draw up a Student Bill of Rights, and a Preamble and Conclusion Committee will study the government's purpose.

There is also an Intra-University relations committee. In addition, an elected Drafting committee will integrate committee reports into the final product.

Last Wednesday, John Denick was elected permanent chairman, LeRoy Riley vice-chairman and Rick Reno administrative assistant.

Riley resigned as vice-chairman, but not as a delegate, Friday, saying "many delegates still don't realize that organization is not that important" as the actual writing of the constitution. Since the convention opened, many delegates have complained that meetings have often been bogged down in parliamentary debate.

Ed Detlie was elected new vice-chairman and Tim Ranney treasurer at Friday's meeting.

Much of Friday's debate centered around the adoption of steering committee recommendations. (See CONVENTION, p. 7)



John Denick, newly-elected chairman of the constitutional convention, presides over delegate approval of the committees that will actually draft the constitution. (photo by Russ Greenberg)

Center Celebration

The University Center will celebrate its fifth birthday this Wednesday and Thursday with a cornucopia of special events, many of them free. See story, page 7.

Older Commuters Find Attentive and Receptive Undergrads

by Jackie Jones
Hatchet Staff Writer

(Ed. note: This is the last of a series on GW's non-resident student population.)

Elaine Piatnitzka's biggest gripe about GW is the parking problem. She has to arrive early in order to find a space in one of the lots. But that is not what is unique about Elaine Piatnitzka.

Piatnitzka is one of a small number of students over 45 attending GW. She was also one of the few willing to be interviewed. Many older students declined interviews, saying they felt they wouldn't make good subjects, or they simply weren't interested.

However, most questioned enjoy GW and chose to come here because of its urban setting. One student said GW was close to her job in addition to being in the center of town.

Asked how the younger students on campus react to older classmates, many older students said there was a good deal of interaction among everyone during class time, with many 18 to 21 years olds very receptive to the ideas and experiences of their elders.

One 21 year old said that an older student in one of his classes had "the most vivid imagination I've ever seen." He said students over 45 are victims of the stereotype of being set in their ways, and he found this to be an unfair observation.

Transportation is apparently not a major problem for older students, in contrast to their younger counterparts at GW. All those interviewed said they drove to school and usually parked on a University lot. Since a large proportion of them hold full-time jobs, commuting to school is merely a matter of travelling to and from work, which is generally in the city, as opposed to the younger commuters who travel greater distances to and from their homes.

Few older students are involved in campus activities. Dorothy Alder, a Ph.D. candidate in clinical psychology, is rarely on campus. Although she enjoys GW, she doesn't have much time for extracurricular activities with three college-age children and a husband to look after.

Students 45 and older constitute approximately three per cent of the undergraduate classes. GW's School of Medicine and Health Services is designing a training program geared towards the needs of the older undergraduates. Students have been asked to complete an anonymous questionnaire to help ascertain the needs of students.

Dr. Larry Foster of the School of Medicine and Health Services said his office presently serves somewhat on the order of a counseling service. Student response to the program has been good, but recruitment could be easier if they were permitted to contact older students and inform them of the program's existence. However, because of the recently enacted Buckley Amendment on student rights, it is now illegal for university registrars to give out ages of students.

Most older students questioned also felt that age was not as big an issue as many would like to believe. The only real problems, they say, are that younger students often feel students over 40 are "different," and it is much harder for the older students to adjust to the rigors of college.

Some, on the other hand, contend that perhaps it is easier for them to deal with college because they are more stable than younger students and better prepared to deal with the professional world after graduation, since they've already had a strong working relationship with it.

As one student put it, "I'm here to get an education like anybody else. I don't see how I'm any different from anyone else."



Many GW commuters, like these undergraduates in the School of Education, are beyond the 18-to-21-year age

for the average college student, but most of them still adjust well to GW. (photo by Cindy Feingold)

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Marathon Makes "Mucho" Money

by Neil Elseman
Hatchet Staff Writer

Why would anyone spend \$50 for an Elliott Richardson doodle? Or \$80 for a night in the Howard Johnson's motel room used by the Watergate burglars?

Perhaps it was just plain competitive spirit. Or desire to contribute to a worthy cause. Or maybe even the chance to feel like somebody important for a while. But at any rate, more than 1,000 GW students attended Martha's Marathon of Birthday Bargains last weekend, raising \$4,224.73 to make this year's Marathon the most successful ever.

Despite the recession, Martha's Marathon, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, raised about \$800 more for housing scholarships than last year. Most of the money was raised during an auction where students bid for 67 unique items donated by GW staff, alumni and the general community.

The most popular item of the night seemed to be the tour for five of the Hirshhorn Museum conducted by Joseph Hirshhorn himself. Three parties were bidding against each other until, at \$350, Rachel Garfall scared away the competition.

Last year's big money-drawer was perhaps this year's biggest bargain. John Mancus purchased one year of free parking in any Colonial Parking Lot for only \$200. Last year, the item went for \$355. According to the auctioneers, Dr. Stefan Schiff and T.J. Clemente, the free parking pass is worth \$500.

As in past years, the lunch at Sans Souci with columnist Art Buchwald drew many bidders. This year, Buchwald also promised to print the names of the highest bidders in his syndicated column. Jonathan Stone and Joyce Goodman won that prize for \$115.

"When I saw it [Visit with Buchwald on the program], it was the only thing I really wanted," Stone said. "I've been an admirer of his work... and always wanted to meet him. Besides, my father reads Art Buchwald and I want to see the expression on his face when he sees my name—I'm not going to tell him beforehand."

Donald Ross spent \$100 to be a "clown for a night" at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum Bailey Circus. Ross said that he didn't expect to get this item so easily. He had planned to bid up to \$150 for it. "I'm really excited about it," he said. "I think it's going to be a lot of fun. It's something that I'll never get a chance to do again."

Jeff Seder won the bidding for Senator Ted Kennedy's symphony seats and dinner at Sans Souci. "It was something I wanted and I didn't care about the cost," he said. During the betting, Seder said that he



Jeff Milstein and Marcy Hannenbaum gaze in bewilderment, wondering why anyone would pay \$30 for this House of Representatives ashtray—even at Martha's Marathon. (photo by Russ Greenberg)

heard a couple behind him say that they were going to bet as high as \$90 for the tickets. So, when the bid was at \$30, he immediately bet \$100 and won the item. Seder added that he "would have bet up to \$160."

Many other items were purchased by bargain-hunting students. Chris Bailey spent \$45 for all he and a friend can drink at the Red Lion. Jerry Tinianow bought an autographed copy of *All the President's Men* for \$40. Other students spent \$30 for a House of Representatives ashtray, \$20 to sit in GW Law School classes for a day; \$10 for a size 50 pair of jeans; and \$3 for a "Nixon cookie," a campaign button that said "Up Yours," which was the cheapest item of the night.

Joseph Phillips paid \$55 for an impeachment resolution signed by former Rep. Jerome Waldie because he wanted something to commemorate Nixon's resignation. "Besides," Phillips added, "the money is going to a good cause."

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Alternatives to Abortion

The following is the transcript of a taped conversation between University President Lloyd H. Elliott and Hatchet Editor Drew Trachtenberg.

Hatchet: With today's dismal economic outlook and unemployment among college graduates higher than ever before, many students are looking at the job market that's glutted with B.A. holders and questioning the value of a college education. Do you feel it has changed over the last decade?

Elliott: I feel that too much has been made of the economic return on a college education. No matter how much has been said about other values the bachelor's degree or of liberal arts, too many people have reverted back to what it means in dollars and cents.

Therefore, to come up now with a question as to the economic return is simply reflecting the recession, the inflation, and the pressure. It shouldn't really change the value of that education, and it may make it a little more realistic, in fact, to have people think of the value of the education itself rather than what it can be turned into in the way of financial returns.

Hatchet: The economic crunch has forced many student to look towards state-aided education. Where does this leave the future of private institutions like GW?

Elliott: Well, private institutions are in trouble and we should not try to turn our back and minimize that situation. George Washington has a couple of rather important and unique advantages.

One of them is its location. There will certainly be in the future a number of citizens from all over this country as well as from all over the world who want to come to Washington to study.

The second advantage we have is one for which we're often criticized. That is, we have some valuable real estate which serves in a real sense as the endowment for the institution. So when we think of the Ivy League universities as having large endowments, which they do, and GW having a very small one, we do in some measure substitute our site as a part of that endowment.

Let me say, however, that I fear private higher education across the whole country is in serious trouble. Many private colleges will be forced to close in the next ten years.

Hatchet: Will GW be one of them?

Elliott: I don't think so. I think we can make it and I think we can make it with enough strength to keep our educational programs moving forward.

Hatchet: I've heard it said many times that you cannot place a dollar value on an education, but many students are paying \$12,000 for one. Are they getting a bargain, or, in their own terms, are they being ripped off?

Elliott: This is a question which no one can answer except the student for himself or herself. It boils down in the final analysis to what you want to spend your money for. You can spend \$12,000 for an automobile today, you can spend \$12,000 for a great many other things. That's a choice that every person's got to make. I don't think that education is a rip-off. I have long felt that it is the best investment that one can make in oneself.

Hatchet: When choosing a school, or upon graduation from one, the national reputation of the institution is of great importance. On both the graduate and undergraduate levels, how does GW match up against the competi-

Elliott Talks On GW's Cost, Future, Finances

tion in the eyes of graduate admissions offices and potential employers?

Elliott: I think George Washington matches up reasonably well. We are not in the Ivy League yet, I think we give, in many areas of the curriculum, a program of study that will compare favorably with the Ivy League institutions.

We also have an other advantage over a great many other institutions, including many of the Ivy League universities, and that is the opportunity which the student has, and frequently takes advantage of, to pursue a kind of parallel education in the city of Washington along with his more formal study within the University.

Hatchet: Does the \$1,200-plus that full-time undergraduates and law students pay each semester cover the costs of their education?

Elliott: No, the total expenditure for a semester at GW runs between \$400 and \$500



close I Street between 23rd and 24th. Because it has been closed to traffic for three years we see no evidence that the traffic in and around this area of the city has suffered. If that block is closed and a mall is built, we think we could make the first start in what would become a long-time process of closing strategically located streets within the campus community. We look a little farther ahead to the prospect of closing parts of H Street and parts of G Street.

Hatchet: Another complaint of the Master Plan is that it is so inflexible that changes cannot be incorporated into it. What is the fate of some of the townhouses?

Elliott: Well, the Master Plan calls for the permanent preservation of a number of the townhouses. The so-called destruction of others is a matter of either economic necessity or a requirement of some new facility of the University.

"too much has been made of the economic return on a college education"

"it would be unthinkable to close the Med School"

(photo by Cindy Feingold)

beyond that which the student pays. In other words, the University, through its additional income and other resources, spends between \$800 and \$1,000 a year beyond tuition on each student's yearly education.

Now, to put this in context, and to make a comparison again, Harvard, with its large endowment, it is estimated, spends twice as much on the education of every student as the Harvard student pays in tuition.

Hatchet: Are there chances that undergraduate tuition will rise to the expected level of Medical School tuition?

Elliott: I see no necessity of that in the foreseeable future. Here again, tuition is based on costs, and costs in the Medical School just is beyond comparison with that of any other program within the University.

Hatchet: From time to time over the past seven years since the Master Plan was drawn up, student groups have been very critical of its means and motives. Critics claim that the University will become a faceless, concrete monstrosity. What are the intended long-range goals and intentions behind the Plan?

Elliott: One of the long-range goals of the Plan is the closing of some of the campus streets. Until that happens, we shall, without any question, be very limited in the amount of green grass which can be provided.

Our request with the city right now is to

For example, the Marvin Center could not have been built without the destruction of some townhouses. The Charles E. Smith Center could not have been without the destruction of several townhouses. In fact, that square, some 20 years ago, was filled on four sides with townhouses. I use this as an illustration.

Either the University does not build some of the facilities which are necessary for the University, and it preserves the townhouses, or it destroys townhouses and builds these facilities.

To look at in a different way, and I feel a more realistic way, is to look at this campus area as an area where there will be mixed housing of University facilities—which means offices, classrooms, the Center—along with apartment houses which will be occupied by community members as well as GW students, faculty and staff—a mixed community.

Hatchet: Since the University began, Board of Trustees meetings have been closed. Haven't the needs and the rationales changed drastically over the past 155 years to require a more open decision making process?

Elliott: I don't think so. I think, instead, with the media developed as it has, perhaps there's even a great need now for the opportunity for the Board of Trustees, which holds the ultimate responsibility for the University to

have the opportunity to sit down in private and hear reports from all parties and deliberate without that deliberation being spread the next day in the news from one corner to the other.

There is an opportunity, I think, in such a setting as that to consider such matters more rationally and more reasonably than could possibly be achieved debating them under the sunshine laws which prevail in many states now and require that all meeting of public boards be discussed openly.

Hatchet: On many occasions over the past five years since the Student Assembly abolished itself, you have indicated a desire and a need for organized student representation. The constitutional convention began last week and you were in attendance at the opening session. What would you like to see them produce?

Elliott: I think the constitutional convention hopefully will produce a framework in which a student government can be recreated. Now just what provisions that will include remains to be seen. I don't have, and it would be presumptuous, and I think erroneous, on my part to suggest a blueprint for student government.

I think student government to be reborn must be the product of the students themselves. It has to be an evolutionary process, the results of which will be changing as the body moves from its beginning to a more stable organization. I guess what I really hope will come out of it is an active, responsible and mature student organization.

Hatchet: Let's try to dispel some rumors that have long been circulating on campus. First, the University is rumored to be going bankrupt. Is there any truth to this?

Elliott: The University is financially stronger than it has ever been. The weakest part, financially, of the University is the Medical School. Something of a crisis has arisen there because of the withdrawal over the past six years of federal funds to support many of the programs. The first serious cutback was the cutback in research funds. The next serious cutback, which is still taking place, is in the support of the student's medical education. But the University as a whole, its liquid assets, real property, and annual income from gifts, are all up over any previous year in its history.

Hatchet: Another rumor which has been around for a number of years is that the University is preparing to eventually phase out the undergraduate programs.

Elliott: This rumor has been around, but it is untrue from the beginning. As far as I know, everyone in the University, and this means faculty as well as every administrative officer, the Board of Trustees and the alumni—and I leave students out of this because they are the ones who have raised the question—but all the other constituencies are firmly in agreement that undergraduate enrollment should not fall any lower than it is now.

Hatchet: Is there any possibility of phasing out the Medical School since there is, as you termed it, a crisis?

Elliott: Well, there is a crisis in financing the the Medical School, but it would be unthinkable to close this Medical School, or, in my opinion, any well established medical school, with the need for medical services for the American people and the rest of the world being as critical as it is. So what I would say is, in spite of the crisis, ways must be found to continue the Medical School and the Medical Center in all of its major programs.

Passman Pressure Charged

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priations bill, he said, that "all I can do is move on the reputations of the individuals asking AID to consider their applications."

Head said the proposed program would bring intellectuals and politicians from countries studied, primarily the poorer Latin American states, to Washington. They would be taught the latest methods of birth control education through workshops, seminars and films, and the Center would help them design individual programs for their respective countries.

Kieffer labelled the proposal "incoherent" and "poorly written." He explained that since underdeveloped countries have moved toward establishing programs of their own, comprehensive help such as that offered by the program is no longer necessary. "Their need now is to get spot help on a few problems. This proposal has literally dropped us back to 1965," he said.

Head defended the program. "Dr. Kieffer's concepts of what exists in those countries is limited to what he has heard, and not what the real facts are," he said. "There must have been a limited number of bedrock experts that Dr. Kieffer had available to analyze these issues," he added.

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Editorials

Arms Race

Considering the hopeful, yet precarious, state of negotiations between the Arab states and Israel, which Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has been working on during the last few weeks, the recently introduced Congressional legislation calling for a six month moratorium on arms sales to Persian Gulf states is a wise, clear-minded suggestion.

The legislation, introduced in the Senate Saturday by Sen. Edward Kennedy, would place a freeze on the multi-million dollar weapons export business this country and the Persian states, particularly Saudi Arabia and Iran, have been carrying on. These sales have raised serious question in the past, but with the tenuous Middle East peace in even greater jeopardy than usual and with the recent Defense Department announcement that it had a \$77 million contract to train the Saudi Arabian National Guard, it is time for the United States to stop for a moment and consider our future involvement in the Persian States.

The training of the Saudi military men is a small, but important step within our foreign policy in the Middle East. While the contract amounts to a relatively small sum (compared with the Defense budget, for instance), the prospect of having American advisors in a country which is currently selling tremendous amounts of arms to both Egypt and Syria, is frighteningly similar to our initial involvement in Vietnam.

"Sending large numbers of Americans to the Persian Gulf to engage in military training," says Kennedy, "will compromise our independence from what happens there. It is only a short step from there to Americans serving as mercenaries in foreign wars." Kennedy's contention must be considered, not only by President Ford and Kissinger, but by the congressmen who will eventually vote on the defense contract package.

That package last year amounted to \$5 billion in arms to the Persian Gulf states.

Should the Kissinger negotiations fail and should war break out, two possibilities which are quite possible, U.S. involvement in the Middle East via military weapons would be accentuated to a larger than ever degree. Editorial cartoonists have long been drawing scenes of Arab soldiers and Israeli soldiers fighting each other with "Made in U.S.A." stamped to each gun. This portent of America's presence, even through machinery and not soldiers, is disturbing.

By placing a six month moratorium on arms to the Persian Gulf, further study can be made on the consequences of such extensive contracts. Additionally, the fate of Kissinger's negotiations will probably be clearer and more predictable than they are now.

By ignoring the many questions associated with billions of dollars in Persian Gulf arms sales, in addition to American advisors in Saudi Arabia, Congress and the Executive branch are perpetuating Middle East strife and discontent.

Brian Poole

A Most Peculiar Convention

Conventions can be very peculiar, and accordingly, peculiarity attracts attention. Witness four weeks running of articles on the delegate selection process and actual convention sessions carried on page one of the *Hatchet*, three stories and editorial in February 20th's edition alone.

Indeed, I commend the *Hatchet* for providing such full coverage of this constitution-writing process to those who, unfortunately, are not active participants. However, I might advise the editors to prepare themselves to handle additional sections to this paper once the convention begins to do something.

Not that we've been idle. For the 3000 students who signed delegates' petitions and who might be wondering what we've accomplished in more than twenty (count 'em) hours of convention sessions, I'll give you a few hints. I won't be offended if you smirk, chuckle a bit, or even convulse with laughter, because it is funny in its own peculiar way, and, well, I just hate to see grown people cry.

Let's see. We've argued, but that's no cause for alarm. It's been great fun, and I'm sure quite healthy, for I have noticed no greater injuries to date than a couple of bruised egos, fractured meetings, amputated debates, and chronic diarrhea of the mouth. And if you think that sounds trite, you should attend our next session.

We've established a steering committee to recommend rules and procedures and give direction to the convention, but the committee has been ignored for the most part, so I won't upset things by recognizing it now.

We've heard President Elliott speak, and I don't want anyone belittling that fact, because it was important if for only one reason: Several delegates confessed it was the first time they had ever heard him speak, although all admitted having seen pictures of

him at one time or another. It's a good thing he spoke, too, or they still might be thinking it was just a dummy in those pictures. Can't blame them.

Another story that's a real knee-slapper is the one about the time we elected a permanent chairthing. (Use of the word "chairthing" indicates my complete objectivity towards the matter.) You'll love this one. See, there was a delegate there who thought we had been selected to elect a chairthing. Well, when he reminded we were there to write a constitution, he walked out! Now that's funny.

Fortunately, we recessed shortly afterwards so we could all go home and laugh. But when we reconvened that next evening, guess who came back? Yup. Only this time we decided he was right and that we should elect a chairthing immediately so that we would have something tangible to show the University. Besides, who wants to see a constitution anyway, much less write one?

And so we elected a chairthing, but don't worry—the election was by no means a matter of railroad. No, sir, we played Senate Judiciary Committee (actually, they are probably faster) and conducted a hell of an investigation, even into areas where we had nothing to investigate. And were we ever thorough—we were able to find out how almost every delegate was going to vote before the roll call was ever taken. I tell you, we're smart; smart enough to not waste time on such a thing as a constitution.

Of course, this will all change. "How?," you ask. We'll all have graduated in three years.

As for myself, I'm thrilled. I've gotten my name on the front page of this paper twice in three weeks. My only hope is that the next time I see it in print, it is along with forty-seven other names on the bottom of a new constitution for student government at George Washington University.

Letters to the Editor

A Meeting on the ISS Resolution...

Ever since the International Student Society's (ISS) Executive Committee took a political posture at the end of last semester with adoption of the so-called PLO resolution, a movement has been afoot within the general membership of the Society to have the Committee withdraw the resolution as not within the purview of the constitutional mandate.

The current ISS Constitution, a very poorly drawn document, identified the purpose of the Society as being "to promote social and cultural associations, and to foster a better understanding among the students from the many countries represented at the University." It has been the position of ISS officers favoring the resolution (by no means the full Executive Committee) that since the Constitution says nothing about politics, they have grounds to do as they please. What's more, it is easy enough to call the matter "humanitarian" and get around the whole issue.

Further compounding the problem, is the fact that Mr. Faruki, a member of the triad favoring the resolution, is the officially designated interpreter "of the constitutional powers of the Executive Committee." This is a situation roughly analogous to having Richard Nixon as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

So far, two petitions, duly signed by 10 per cent of the membership, have been presented to Mr. Azimi, president of ISS. The first one asked for an all-out repeal of the resolution. Mr. Azimi, without convening the Executive Committee, declared that this would not do. No particular reason was given.

Another petition was circulated calling on the Executive Committee to convene a general body meeting to canvass the membership. The answer here was that the Executive Committee did not need to be involved in that movement, that the general membership did not need approval from the Executive Committee to convene.

Some back room probing has brought out the fact that Mr. Faruki, the constitutional expert of the ISS, intends to hide the resolution behind Article VIII and does not wish to appear to be sponsoring a vote which might force his hand in another direction. Article VIII reads (you'd better sit down, Thomas Jefferson!) "The Executive Committee of the Society shall be considered as a continuous body, and as such any action taken by the Committee shall be binding on succeeding Executive Committees unless such action is specifically repealed by the incumbent Council."

Whether Executive Committee action should be binding on succeeding committees *ad infinitum*, is a question which certainly deserves to be addressed, particularly since ISS elections coming up in April could dissolve the incumbent Committee which, according to the interpretation of some, might make the resolution forever indelible. A more pressing issue is whether there is room in the language of Article VIII for an interpretation depriving the general membership of a voice in its own affairs.

Notwithstanding Mr. Faruki's like-it-or-lump-it constitutional philosophy, the ISS general membership is hereby called upon to pronounce itself on the issue at a General Body Meeting to convene on Tuesday, February 25, at 12 o'clock noon in the Theater on the

first floor of the Center. The following resolutions will be offered:

Whereas, The membership of the ISS is of such diverse cultural, political, and social backgrounds, and

Whereas, The promulgation of the interests of one specific group is likely to cause dissent elsewhere in the membership; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the so-called "PLO Resolution," approved by the Executive Committee in November of 1974, be repealed in its entirety.

Resolved, that the members of the Executive Committee shall refrain from engaging the Committee or the membership on any side of any political issue, irrespective of the degree of controversy involved, and in the future shall confine themselves to the guidelines specifically stated in the Constitution, taking particular care to remove rather than instigate conflict between members of differing national, religious, social, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.

Potential members who have abstained from joining because of the resolution are invited to participate after paying their \$3.00 dues.

Bertrand Rosenheck

and a Defense of that Resolution

I am a member of the International Students' Society (ISS) and have carefully followed the controversy over the recent resolution passed by the ISS Executive Committee. I agree with the Committee members that ISS should not simply engage in having picnics, parties and coffee hours, but that during these events there should be some kind of meaningful exchange between the students. I do not feel that

(see HIRJI, p. 5)

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More Letters

HIRJI, from p. 4
political dialogue and social consciousness are detrimental to the growth of the diverse cultural body.

Some students have written saying that prior to the passing of this resolution the ISS gatherings showed a growing cultural interaction and solidarity. The passing of the resolution, therefore, has made them bicker and insult each other on a personal level. If this is indeed the case, then the students are displaying their own immaturity and should not claim to be university students.

The resolution does not aim at division of the student population, but rather at awareness of important world situations. If the students choose to take it childishly, it is hardly the fault of the ISS Executive Committee.

Also, I do not understand why this one aspect of the resolution is being blown out of proportion—is it because of certain vested interests of particular groups? In the same resolution the ISS has dealt with the Arab oil issue and the South African apartheid issue. Why have these generally been pushed aside?

I feel that ISS should not isolate one political event and take a stand on the particular issue, but rather should deal with all important international issues that arise. And, in fact, this is what it has done. If only the George Washington University students would spend more time on careful reading to learn, instead of carelessly condemning something that might cause their conscience a bit of discomfort, I feel they will have more of a right to call themselves students.

Bostan Hirji

Med Students Lament Coverage

In reference to your news article entitled "Cadaver Shortage Impairing D.C. Med Schools Training" and your editorial entitled "Dying To Help Out," we would like to make a few comments. The news editors and editorial staff showed very poor judgment and a lack of due respect for a very serious topic.

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dictate that you attempt to allay these fears instead of exacerbating the situation. We can only hope that in the future you will show more discretion in the discussion of such sensitive topics.

Martin H. Brown
Robert H. Byers
First Year Medical Students

CDs Are Active

The next time Mr. Shiffrin writes an article, I suggest he verify his facts before he sends it in to print. As an active member of College Democrats, I take offense at his remark that we are "negligibly active." We happen to be quite active in both GW and National CD. If Mr. Shiffrin would take a few moments to acquaint himself with College Democrats, he would see that this is so.

GW College Democrats ran one of the largest voter registration/absentee ballot campaigns in the nation this past year. If this is

apathy, I must not know the definition of the word. College Democrats also played a major role in getting Representative Fauntroy reelected and other candidates elected.

We are quite active on the national level of College Democrats. At the national convention held recently, one of GW's students, Steve Costello, became national president. Is this apathy?

Regarding the school and College Democrats, many of our members play an important role in running the University. Three members of the Governing Board are active members of our club.

I could go on further, but I think I have made my point quite clear. GW College Democrats is far from being "negligibly active," as can be seen from above. Mr. Shiffrin seems to be confusing vocal activity with activity. People don't have to be rioting to be active.

Nancy P. Baum
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The controversial film, *Who Shall Survive?* and a lecture given by Dr. Warren Reich of the Kennedy Institute of Medical Ethics at Georgetown University, will take place at 8:00 pm Tues., Feb. 25, in the Marvin Ctr. rm 415. Alpha Epsilon Delta is sponsoring this event.

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ISS To Debate Resolutions

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A second petition organized last month asked the executive committee to call a meeting of the general membership. According to the ISS constitution, if 10 per cent of the membership sign such a petition, an assembly can be called regardless of the wishes of the executive committee.

After the petition was signed by more than 10 per cent of the Society's membership, which numbers greater than 400, ISS President Sayed Azimi was requested to call a meeting. After Azimi repeatedly stalled and changed his position, Roseheck, Fox, and Alexis organized the meeting on their own, according to Rosenheck.

Fox and Rosenheck said they will have organized a phone squad over the weekend to contact as many members as possible and inform them of tomorrow's meeting.

Executive committee member Mowahid Shah claimed that even if the general membership voted to repeal the committee's resolutions, "It will have no impact on the executive committee" because of a constitutional clause, Article VIII, which specifies that only the executive committee itself can rescind its resolutions.

The executive committee's resolutions of last semester "are going to stand," said Shah. "They are irrevocable."

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Some of the events scheduled by the Center Governing Board are musical programs, an open house with a birthday cake, a beef buffet dinner, and free bowling and billiard Thursday afternoon.

Center Director Boris Bell said the Center had gotten off to a good start from an administrative point of view. Starting with a projected budget deficit of \$130,000 in 1970, the Center reached a surplus of \$2,000 last year. The Center's overhead includes \$640,000 annual payments towards the \$8-million mortgage, and close to \$900,000 for operating costs.

Bell said the budget is hurt by inflationary increases in utility costs, a major reason for the forthcoming increase of the Center fee for full-time student from \$86 to \$93 for the academic year. In previous years, the fee was \$37.50 per semester, and in 1965, when the Center was still in its planning stages, it was thought that the fee could be \$6 per semester.

The construction of the Center was preceded by 39 years of waiting and promises. GW has owned the land under the Center at the corner of 21st and H Street since 1931, and once even warded off a court challenge to its ownership.

The original cost of the Center was budgeted at \$7 million, but when it was projected to increase another \$2.6 million, the proposed swimming pool was scratched. The present first floor theatre was also scratched to cut costs, but was restored when the deletion met strong student opposition.

Contributions for the events include beer and frankfurters donated by the Alumni Office and free breakfast donated by the Student Activities Office, among others. According to Bell, the Center itself will be spending about \$400 on refreshments and decorating the Center with posters and balloons.

The focal point of the celebration will be the open house on Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., with food, entertainment, and GW President Lloyd Elliott cutting a birthday cake.

Delegates to Begin Cmte. Work

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concerning establishment of committees, dates committee findings would be submitted to the whole convention, and the extent of student participation during committee sessions.

The most controversial recommendation stated that "All committees shall be open for public observation with public participation subject to committee discretion."

Some delegates maintained that, as written, the recommendation meant that a simple majority of a committee could vote to recognize or not recognize any non-delegate observing committee sessions.

Barbara Resnick, a non-delegate student who has attended all the convention meetings, told the body it was "unfair to limit student participation, it is very important." She also criticized the body for arguing among themselves and "not writing a constitution." She said, "After attending your meetings I am ashamed to say that you are representatives of the student body."

The recommendation was amended to read, "All committees shall be open for public observation and public participation." The convention also unanimously adopted a resolution put forth by Douglas Rawson stating, "This convention seeks maximum outside participation of the GW community and will support all minority rights to be heard in the convention." The committees, however, may go into executive session by a two-thirds vote.

Some delegates wanted the date final committee provisions would be reported to the full convention pushed back from March 1 to March 21, claiming that the committees would not have enough time to complete their work by March 1. "A few of us do go to school, and after midterms we will be physically tired," said Tony Ramos.

The convention finally accepted a compromise proposed by Mark Brodsky scheduling the reporting of all committee reports completed by March 5 on that date and monitoring the progress of other committees until March 21, when all provisions would be due.

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Orange Peel Back Colonials, 71-64

by Laurence Olmstead
Hatchet Staff Writer

"LOST: One jumpshot. Needed desperately before Wednesday night. If found, please return to Pat Tallent. Reward: free tickets to the NCAA tournament."

In a game important to the post-season tournament hopes of both teams, Syracuse University out-hustled and outmuscled the Colonials to grind out a 71-64 victory in spite of 3100 wildly cheering Ft. Myer fans Saturday night.

The Orange were led offensively by All-American candidate Rudy Hackett, who pumped in 25 points. But the key to the game was a hustling Syracuse zone defense, which played 40 minutes of nonstop, hardcore basketball and forced GW into one of its worst shooting nights of the year.

The Buff began as if they wanted to celebrate George Washington's birthday in style. With the help of four John Holloran assists and an aggressive man-to-man defense, GW scored the first 12 points of the game and almost brought the house down. But the poised Syracuse squad came back with nine of their own, and managed to keep it close through most of the first half. Both teams played hard hitting, aggressive defense, and the halftime score showed GW with a slim 29-27 lead.

At the start of the second half, however, Syracuse demonstrated their superior front line muscle as Hackett, Earnie Siebert and Chris Sease powered a 10-2 spurt which featured some uncharacteristic GW backcourt ineptness and left Buff fans shocked and the Colonials frustrated. GW attempted a comeback effort, but Syracuse kept their poise and collected their 15th victory against seven defeats on the season.

Contrary to the opinion of Buff critics, the team proved that they could play team offense, with everyone contributing equally. Nobody shot well. As usual, Pat Tallent led the scoring for GW with 19 points but for the third straight game he shot poorly, hitting only nine for 22 from the floor. All of the other Colonials were also off with

their shooting touch, so there was nobody to pick up the scoring slack.

Clyde Burwell did manage to score 14 points and grab 12 rebounds, but both he and Leslie Anderson—GW's two top rebounders—played most of the game in foul trouble, forcing coach Bob Tallent into a three guard alignment. John Holloran, despite his usual all-

around hustling game, couldn't hit anything. 6'6" Greg Miller, shell-shocked by having to cover 6'9" Rudy Hackett, was held to one field goal.

Guards Keith Morris, Jim Peters and Tyrone Howze all seemed to spark the team when on the court, but Morris and Peters also committed a number of crucial turnovers. GW was guilty of 27 turnovers in all.

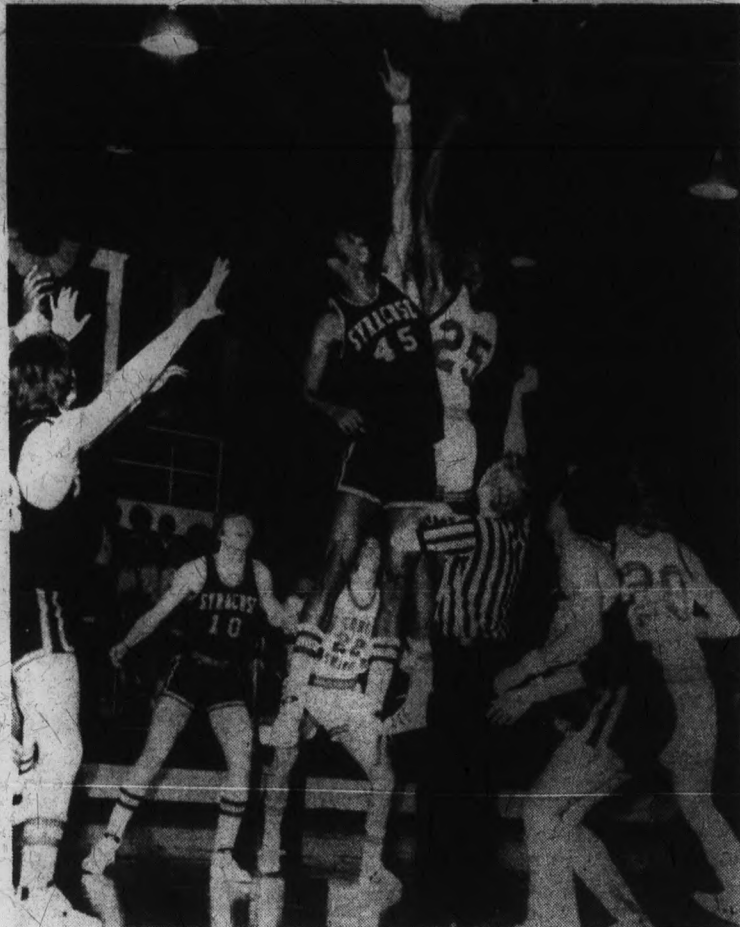
Even at the foul line, which was the only place GW could shoot all night without a Syracuse hand in their face, the Buff managed to miss ten charity shots.

Aside from Hackett, who also had a game high 16 rebounds, the big story for the Orangemen was Ross Kindel. Replacing starting guard Jim Williams, who got into early foul trouble, the freshman scored eight points, didn't miss a shot, and played creditable defense.

With the loss to Syracuse, the Colonials will have to toughen up for a showdown match with George-

town on Wednesday night. The Hoyas are currently riding the crest of a seven game win streak, and their 14-8 record leaves them just a half game behind GW's 15-8 in the tight ECAC Southern Division race. The Colonials finish up the regular season next Saturday against American at Ft. Myer.

GW needs to win both games, not only to insure a spot in the ECAC playoffs but to prove that they can win the tough contests as well as the easy ones.



Syracuse's All-American candidate Rudy Hackett (45) outleaps Les Anderson in leading the Orangemen past GW, 71-64. (photo by Martha Howison)

SYRACUSE									
	FG	FT	R	P	T		FG	FT	R
Hackett	9-16	7-12	16	1	25				
Sease	3-5	2-4	1	1	4				
Siebert	3-5	2-4	1	1	4				
Les	3-11	2-4	1	1	4				
Williams	2-4	2-4	1	1	4				
Kindel	4-8	2-4	1	1	4				
Shaw	2-9	1-2	1	1	4				
Totals	29-67	19-29	28	2	71				

GEORGE WASHINGTON									
	FG	FT	R	P	T		FG	FT	R
G. Miller	1-5	0-0	8	1	2				
Anderson	3-9	2-7	6	1	9				
Burwell	4-12	2-7	12	1	14				
Tallent	0-2	0-1	1	1	2				
Holloran	0-5	0-1	1	1	2				
Morris	3-8	1-2	3	1	4				
Peters	3-8	2-3	3	1	4				
Hall	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Shanta	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Waldron	1-1	0-0	0	0	0				
Ridie	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Howze	1-1	0-0	0	0	0				
Totals	16-70	10-27	38	2	69				
Halftime: GW, 29-27									
Attendance: 3,100									

Buff Battle Hoyas In 'Must' Game

by Doug Davin
Sports Editor

The Colonials will face a "must win" situation for one of the few times this season when they host the 14-8 Hoyas of Georgetown this Wednesday night in a 8 p.m. contest at Ft. Myer.

The Buff, who have lost two out of three after their ten game win streak, need a win badly for several reasons, but most importantly to keep their ECAC tournament hopes alive. At present only two games separate the top five teams in the eight team Southern Division and this game could decide which of the crosstown rivals will make that trip to Morgantown on March 7.

As it stands now GW is tied for the division lead with Pittsburg, both teams sporting 15-8 records. Looking ahead on the schedule the Panthers should remain atop the division as they finish out their season against Kent State and Buffalo on the road.

Conceding one spot to Pitt then, four teams will be competing for the

remaining three berths. Of the four Duquesne (13-8), the number three team, has the toughest road to hoe. The Dukes, who faced Maryland yesterday, still must face St. Francis before closing out their slate against Detroit and Cincinnati at home.

West Virginia the number five team with a 13-10 record cannot be counted out by any means. The Mountaineers close out their season against Virginia Tech and Illinois State and would likely be given the nod in any borderline decision as their participation would just about guarantee a sellout in Morgantown.

All of which serves to heighten and point out the importance of Wednesdays Ft. Myer clash. The Hoyas are currently in the midst of a seven game winning streak, their most recent game being a 101-73 trouncing of Manhattan. A win for the Hoyas and they would probably only need a split in their remaining two games against Fordham and Wheeling to earn themselves a bid. The Colonials, on the other hand, after Saturday's very disappointing loss to Syracuse need a win, not only for the record, but to prove to themselves and their fans that they have the fortitude to win a big game.

Against Georgetown the Colonials must come out fired up and not suffer too much of a letdown throughout the course of the game; in their recent setbacks they have shown an inability to stay mentally "up" for an entire 40 minutes of basketball.

In the Hoyas the Buff will be facing practically the same team that they defeated, 55-54, last year at Georgetown. Georgetown's powerful front line could give the Colonials trouble, with 6-9 Merlin Wilson at center and 6-9 Billy Lynn at one forward and 6-6 Larry Long at the other, could pose some serious rebounding problems for the Buff. The backcourt features Jonathan Smith and freshman Derrick Jackson. Another freshman who could cause GW plenty of headaches is 6-9 Ed Hopkins who exploded for 29 points against Manhattan Saturday.

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Because this year's GW-American game is AU's home game, GW faculty and students will have to purchase tickets to the March 1 season finale at Ft. Myer. Tickets for this game will be available in the Athletic Office beginning today. Tickets are priced at \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

Tickets for the Georgetown game will be distributed starting Tuesday, 9 a.m. through Wednesday, 5 p.m.

Buses will leave the Center at 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Small women are needed as coxswains for GW women's crew. New crew members also welcome. Call Mrs. Collier (676-6282) or Donna Barton (293-2578).

Ticket orders are not being accepted for the ECAC Southern Division Tournament to be held March 7 and 8 at the West Virginia University Coliseum.

Tickets are priced at \$5 and \$3 each night; a combination ticket for both nights can be purchased for \$10 and \$6. Students can buy tickets at the special rate of \$3 per night or \$6 for both nights. Checks or money orders, which should include 50 cents for postage and handling, should be made payable to the WVU Athletic Department and mailed to the Athletic Ticket Office, WVU, P.O. Box 877 Morgantown, W. Va. 26505.

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